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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM : Robert W. Gambino  
Director of Security

SUBJECT : Statistics on Cases Involving Drugs  
Handled in Clearance Division during  
Fiscal Year 1976

1. This memorandum is for your information only.
2. Attached is a copy of the seventh annual report of cases handled in the Clearance Division in which drugs were involved, together with a chart showing the increase of drug use by Agency applicants.
3. The most significant fact in this report is the rise in the security disapprovals due to drug abuse from 14 per cent in Fiscal Year 75 to 30.8 per cent in Fiscal Year 76. Such an increase in the disapproval rate is noteworthy, particularly since the Office of Security's drug policy, as approved by Mr. Colby and recently reaffirmed by Mr. Bush, has not changed in Fiscal Year 76. The continuing policy requires that the applicant's use of drugs be weighed in light of the complete background investigation so that an overall picture of the applicant is obtained. Each case involving the use of illegal drugs is handled on an individual basis and takes into consideration the age of the applicant, the frequency and recency of drug use, as well as the type of drugs used.
4. There appear to be several explanations for this rise in the security disapproval rate resulting from drug abuse. The most logical reason is believed to be the availability, within recent years, of illegal drugs and peer approval concerning their use, especially marijuana. Although the percentage of total applicant cases involving drugs increased by only one per cent, more young people, both in high school and college, apparently

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have been experimenting with drugs; and more of these young people have been using them on a fairly regular basis. Because of this increased overall usage, individuals now seem to continue using drugs after they leave school. Those same individuals are now applicants for employment with the Agency, thus the increased drug usage is resulting in more security disapprovals.

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